

Amendment of the Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Behavioral Healthcare Organizations

The Department has filed Rules pursuant to RIGL 42-35-3 (b) as emergency regulations to protect the health and safety of Rhode Islanders in crisis seeking acute behavioral health treatment. The main purpose of this amendment is to create the Behavioral Health Acute Stabilization Unit as a hospital diversion and step down unit for Rhode Island residents 18 years of age or older who are experiencing a psychiatric and/or substance abuse related crisis. This unit will provide on-going assessment and observation, crisis intervention and psychiatric, substance use and co-occurring treatment. In addition, revisions have been made to Section 30.0, Medication and Laboratory Services, and Section 44.0, Opioid Treatment Programs.

The Amendment of the Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Behavioral Healthcare Organizations can be viewed at the website of the Secretary of State.